

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MADISON'S
SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF
NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Madison, Morris County as they begin their 50th Anniversary season this year.

The proud tradition of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey began in 1963, when Paul Barry and Phillip Dorian formed the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in Cape May. Their Festival was met with such success that the group was offered a permanent home on the campus of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey in 1972.

The Shakespeare Theatre has been dedicated to bringing the classics of Shakespeare and classical playwrights alive for audiences for 50 years. The Theatre's plays and outreach programs have showcased live theater to diverse audiences throughout the state and have also served as the training ground for the newest talents on the stage.

To improve the theater experience for all patrons, the Theater has undergone a number of lasting and unique changes over its history. The first of these changes was the construction of the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre in 1998. This space arose out of the Shakespeare Theater's desire to create a lasting performing space that could meet the artistic demands of its schedule and provide an intimate setting for patrons to view the performances. This state of the art facility features modern theater lighting, sound and seating as well as complete handicapped accessibility. With just over 300 seats none of which is more than 32 feet from the stage, the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater provides a truly unique venue to view theater.

Debuted in 2002, the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey's Outdoor Amphitheater on the campus of the College of St. Elizabeth, allows patrons to view the arts from a whole new perspective. The outdoor space takes its inspiration from the Theater of Dionysus in Athens and hopes to transport viewers back in time through a wide range of classical theatrical offerings and is one of the only theatres of its kind in the United States.

The Theatre's newest addition is a 49,000 square foot renovated factory in Florham Park that will serve as a training and rehearsal space. The new facility will be filled with office spaces, scene and costume shops as well as multiple rehearsal and classroom spaces, greatly enhancing the educational and outreach capacities of the Theatre. This space will allow the Theatre to enhance current stage offerings and provide a future of unique performance and shows.

Through its mission statement and commitment to the arts in New Jersey, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey has proven to be a pillar of the local community and a large contributor to the arts in New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey, Madison as they celebrate their 50th season and their continuing contributions to New Jersey's vibrant arts community.

HONORING KEVIN FRECHETTE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, at the request of the colleagues and friends of Kevin Frechette of Howell, New Jersey, I submit the fitting tribute they composed following the sad news of his passing at the young age of 52.

KEVIN FRECHETTE, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS EXECUTIVE, NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVIST, LIFE-LONG MONMOUTH COUNTY RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Kevin Frechette, 52, of Howell, NJ, passed away peacefully at his home on September 5, 2012. Mr. Frechette, who leaves behind a beloved son, Kyle Frechette, also of Howell, a student at Ramapo College, was a Senior Vice President and General Manager at MWW, an independent global public relations firms with offices across the nation including a headquarters in East Rutherford and an office in Trenton, NJ.

Mr. Frechette ran MWW's Trenton office and worked for the company for 12 years. As a member of the firm, Mr. Frechette was influential in the creation and funding of NJ211, a toll-free, state-assisted hotline that directs New Jersey residents to available community resources, and was critical in successful efforts to curb the privatization of the New Jersey Turnpike. A respected and knowledgeable figure at the Statehouse in Trenton, noted for his sense of humor, good nature and humility, he was a consultant to many leading New Jersey businesses and nonprofits such as NJCURE, Parsons Corporation, the New Jersey State Library, the Jewish Federation of New Jersey and dozens of other prominent organizations. In a previous career, Kevin served as a court house and political reporter at the Daily Register of Monmouth County.

Before joining MWW, Mr. Frechette spent eight years as the Deputy Director of Press and District Operations in the New Jersey General Assembly Majority Office, where he worked with lawmakers on issues of media relations, marshaling district resources, connecting with constituents and overall communications strategies. He also served as Chief of Staff to NJ Assemblyman and later State Senator Joe Kyrillos.

Mr. Frechette was born in Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ and grew up and lived in Monmouth County nearly all his life. He was a product of Holmdel Township Schools and also lived in Little Silver, Red Bank and, most recently, Howell, New Jersey.

He received a degree in Mass Communications from St. Bonaventure University. Active in politics at a young age, he served in Student Government in Holmdel High School where he also played a leading role in the school's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." His family members were long-time parishioners at St. Catherine's Church in Holmdel, NJ.

Among friends, Mr. Frechette was known for his sharp wit and sense of humor, but also for the truly selfless way he cared for people. Even while sick, he would visit friends in the hospital as if his illness was irrelevant. Mr. Frechette was known for being very honorable with a relentless work ethic in every aspect of life; it earned him the respect and love of all he came in touch with. Ultimately, Mr. Frechette had two great passions in life, his son Kyle, over whom he doted, and music, which he collected and immersed himself in throughout his life.

In addition to his son Kyle, Mr. Frechette leaves behind his parents, Charles Frechette,

a former manager at Anchor Glass, and his mother, Virginia Bishop Frechette, formerly the assistant editor of The Catholic Digest, and author of the children's book, "Fighting Father Duffy." He is survived by five loving siblings, all of whom adored him, Pam Galiastro (husband: Frank); Robin Kjersgaard; Jim Frechette; Charles "Chip" Frechette (wife Donna); Chris Frechette (wife Heidi); Ami Miano (late husband Charles); Kelly Davidson (husband: Alistair), and six nieces and nephews: Farrah Rizzo, Jamie and Kristen Galiastro; Ryan Kjersgaard; and Tara and Noah Miano. Mr. Frechette is a grandson of the late Jim Bishop, the syndicated columnist and author of 22 books, including "The Day Christ Died" and "The Day Lincoln Was Shot."

HONORING BOB BROWN OF
MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Brown, a legendary high school basketball coach in the state of Missouri, veteran, and member of the 2012 Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame induction class.

With 672 career victories and 12 playoff appearances to his name, Bob's impressive track record has earned him quite a distinguished reputation in both the sports arena and in the community.

His remarkable career began at Richland High and concluded at Springfield Catholic. He amassed 367 victories and a state runner-up title in 1966 with the famed "Jolly Green Giants", who were 27-1 that season, during his 20-year tenure at Parkview. Bob even had the opportunity to coach his son, Bill Brown, at Parkview.

During his coaching career Bob won a state championship at Bolivar in 1960, runner-up with Parkview in 1966, and third place with Richland in 1956 and Parkview in 1981.

In addition to his exemplary coaching career, Bob is a veteran of the Missouri National Guard. Beginning in 1956 he served 32 years until ending his career as a full Colonel in 1988. During this period he served as Chief of Plans and Operations at Headquarters Stark, as Commandant of the Missouri Military Academy, and Commander of the Medical Battalion.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Brown's contributions to our community are far-reaching and the lives he has affected are uncountable, and it is an honor to recognize him.

THE CLAIMS LICENSING ADVANCEMENT FOR INTERSTATE MATTERS ACT (CLAIM) ACT

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill I believe will help consumers save millions of dollars in insurance costs and create more jobs. I am proud to introduce the Claims Licensing Advancement for Interstate Matters Act, known as the CLAIM Act.